



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5892

by Rep. Jim Durkin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 105/13.8 new

Amends the State Finance Act. Provides that each appropriation for a legislative member initiative must be by a separate line item appropriation that fully describes the legislative member initiative. Provides that no legislative member initiative may be funded through a lump sum appropriation. Provides that a bill making an appropriation for a legislative member initiative must be heard by a standing committee of each chamber and each initiative must be individually approved by the committee. Defines "legislative member initiative".

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1 AN ACT concerning finance.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
5 Section 13.8 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/13.8 new)

7 Sec. 13.8. Committee approval of legislative member
8 initiatives.

9 (a) Each appropriation for a legislative member initiative
10 must be by a separate line item appropriation. That line item
11 must fully describe the legislative member initiative,
12 including without limitation the name of the member of the
13 General Assembly who requested the initiative, the name of the
14 entity that will receive the benefit of the expenditure, the
15 purpose of the expenditure, the specific location of the
16 project, and the Legislative District and Representative
17 District in which the project is located. No legislative member
18 initiative may be funded through a lump sum appropriation.

19 (b) Prior to its passage in each chamber of the General
20 Assembly, a bill containing a legislative member initiative, in
21 its final form and amount, must be heard by a standing
22 committee of that chamber and that committee must individually
23 approve each such initiative by record vote.

1 (c) Unless it complies with subsections (a) and (b), a
2 purported appropriation of State funds for a legislative member
3 initiative is not a valid appropriation. No State funds may be
4 expended for a legislative member initiative unless the
5 appropriation for that legislative member initiative complies
6 with subsections (a) and (b).

7 (d) "Legislative member initiative" means an appropriation
8 for a grant or distribution to a specific unit of local
9 government, specific school district, specific not-for-profit
10 organization, or specific non-governmental entity for
11 infrastructure improvements or operating expenses.
12 Appropriations that are part of a statewide program and are
13 based on generally applicable standards of eligibility are not
14 legislative member initiatives. "Infrastructure improvements"
15 include without limitation capital improvements, capital
16 projects, planning, construction, reconstruction, equipment,
17 utilities, vehicles, and all costs associated with economic
18 development, community programs, educational programs, public
19 health, and public safety.

20 (e) The purpose of this Section is to require full and
21 complete disclosure during the appropriation process of State
22 expenditures that are primarily for a specific local community
23 within a Legislative District or Representative District. This
24 Section shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.